

CATAHOULA



PARISH

“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”

– Institute of Medicine. 1996. *Healthy Communities: New Partnerships for the Future of Public Health*. National Academy Press. p. 12



Catahoula Parish

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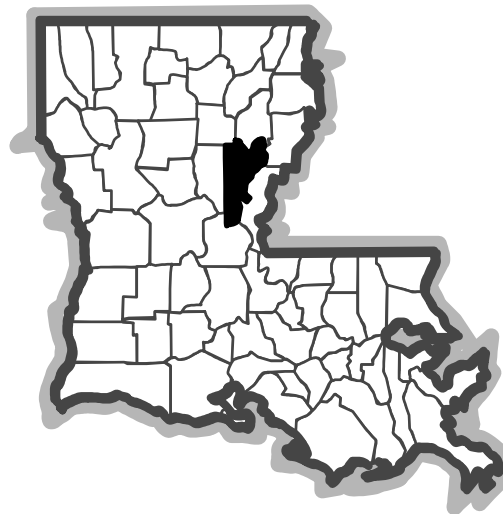
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History¹

Catahoula Parish was formed on March 23, 1808. The parish derived its name from the Tensas Indian name "cataoola," which means big, clear lake. However, Catahoula Lake is now in LaSalle Parish, originally the western half of Catahoula Parish.

Culture and Recreation³

Catahoula Parish Museum houses prehistoric Indian artifacts and exhibits.



Parish Seat¹ Harrisonburg¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

None

Parish Population²

1990 11,065

1997 (estimate) 10,775

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White 72%

African American 28%

Other 0%

Male 48%

Female 52%

Population age 0-4 7%

Population age 65 & over 14%

Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation 20 ft.

Land area in square miles 703.7

Water area in square miles⁴ 35.8

Climate²

Average temperatures

Annual 67°

January 52°

July 82°

Annual average rainfall 71.2 in.

**Labor Force (1995)¹**

Civilian	5,330
Employed	4,770
Unemployed	560
Unemployment	10.5%

Agriculture¹

Cotton, livestock, timber and soybeans.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Louisiana College, Pineville

Louisiana State University, Alexandria

Public Libraries⁵ 3

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	7.2%
High school graduate or higher	53.9%
Some college or higher	21.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8.7%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²**Private Employers**

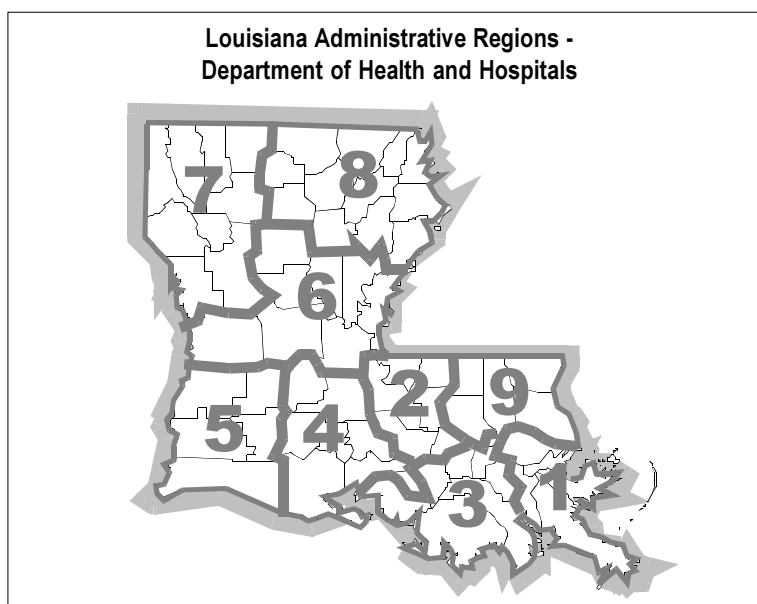
Kelly's Kids, Inc. (Children's clothing)	380
Louisiana Delta Plantation (Farm products)	75
Catahoula Bank (Banking)	35

Public Employers

Catahoula Parish School Board (Education)	375
LaSalle Community Action Ass. (Community service)	200

Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	29.0%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	40.6%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$15,234

**Region 1**

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington